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Judge wants better care for mentally ill

HEALTH A judge wants to see the Calgary Health Region do a better job of handling their mentally ill patients by providing medical psychiatric beds or full units. Judge John Bascom announced this yesterday, after details were released about a woman who fell six storeys to her death from a Foothills Hospital window in 2006.

Although initially reported as a suicide, a public-fatality inquiry report says Mary Leet, 51, was suffering from health problems and her death was accidental.

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Stomp! Helping out



Michelle Dorrance, from left, Brad Holland and John Angeles, members of the world-famous group Stomp, visited the Calgary Food Bank yesterday to raise awareness about hunger. Stomp will be at in Calgary performing at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium until Sunday.

Cameras set to go downtown

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All eyes will be on downtown Calgary after city officials announced the location of closed-circuit televisions set to be installed within the month.

Signage is now being posted in three downtown hot-spot locations, including areas along Stephen Avenue and the East Village, where cameras will be placed in an effort to combat crime.

While remaining cautiously optimistic, the Calgary Downtown Association (CDA) is excited about the year-long pilot project that should see the cameras running by early February.

"We have been supportive of this initiative from the start and while we know it won't solve crime

"I think something more substantial is required."

Darren Dyrland

overnight, we hope it will be a supplement to the police," said Maggie Schofield, executive director of the CDA.

Greg Steinrath of bylaw services said the cameras are primarily going to be an investigative tool and a way to enhance public perception of safety.

While some Calgarians, including downtown resident Darren Dyrland, think the initiative is a good start, they aren't sure if it's enough.

"I'm hopeful it will help decrease crime, but I think something more substantial is required," Dyrland said.

Drive-by shooting leaves one dead in southeast

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Calgary



terday in the southeast community of Dover.

Just north of Peigan Trail on 26 Street SE, a drive-by shooting killed one and put two others in hospital,

also sending the victim's silver SUV straight into a fence and into a backyard. In addition, police cordoned off a second area where a possible suspect

vehicle ended up.

"We are rounding up as many witnesses as we possibly can," said Duty Insp. Vic Trickett.

Police say the shooting

may be gang-related and have put homicide and gang units on the case. It appears as though shots were fired while the vehicles were moving.

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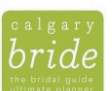
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Stelmach replaces fleet with five Canadian-made Fords

Premier Ed Stelmach is buying Canadian. Retiring his fleet of old Buicks, Ford garnered almost \$176,000 when the premier's executive fleet was replaced with five 2009 Ford Taurus models at a price tag of \$35,000 each. **METRO CALGARY**

Local



Strike a pose in Edmonton

Canada's Next Top Model reality television auditions are heading to Edmonton for a casting call on Jan. 18 and will be the only Alberta stop on the cross-country tour. The open audition is set to take place at West Edmonton Mall. For more information, please visit www.model.ctv.ca.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Suspect sought in gas-station heist

THEFT City cops are looking for a suspect in a robbery last week in the city's southeast.

On Jan. 8, a man entered the Petro-Canada at 15 Erin Woods Blvd. SE and indicated he was armed. He fled with an undisclosed amount of cash in a dark brown sedan with another man, after smashing the glass door.

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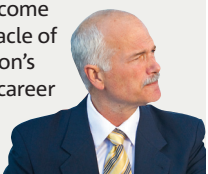


News in brief

BOMBINGS Oil giant EnCana Corp. has offered a \$500,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the suspect in a series of pipeline bombings after the latest bombing a week ago in northern B.C. Bombings have plagued the oil company's Dawson Creek operation since October 2008. **METRO CALGARY**

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Obamania strikes Calgary

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With graphic T-shirts, buttons and hats, hundreds of Americans in Calgary are celebrating the inauguration of U.S. president-elect Barack Obama next week.

Democrats Abroad Calgary chapter co-chair Mare Donly said the week leading up to the inauguration Jan. 20 is an exciting one for many in the city.

"It's been a long time coming, and we're absolutely thrilled and excited," Donly said. "It's nice to see there are a lot of supporters in the city."

The group is holding an inauguration bash the same night at Kilkenny Irish Pub to celebrate the achievement.

"We expected about 150 the night he was elected and had about 300 show up, so we're excited about who will come out," she added.

But relocated Americans aren't the only Calgarians excited for the inaugura-



Connor McKeown, 19, holds up a popular T-shirt that's being scooped up by Calgarians at The Rocket Custom T-shirts store, as people prepare for Barack Obama's inauguration Jan. 20.

United States Presidential Inauguration

tion and Obama's first visit to Canada as president shortly thereafter.

Connor McKeown, of The Rocket Custom T-shirts store on 17th Ave SW, said some of the store's biggest sellers since the election have been Obama-related anything.

"It's been really popular; a lot of people come in

wanting Obama shirts and stuff. It started before the election and after he won, it became even more popular," McKeown said.

The Democrats Abroad are partnering with Black History Canada for the Tuesday night celebration.

Mount Royal takes on 'freshman 15' with healthy food

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Calgary

Mount Royal College is looking to eliminate the "freshman 15," a legendary 15-pound weight gain for college students.

Students gaining weight isn't just legend — often, they don't have the time or

money to make healthy food choices. To combat this, yesterday the Peer Health Educators program provided a free lunch to students, which included a chicken fajita and bottled water.

"It's mostly about convenience for students," said Charmene Brewer, health education co-ordi-

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Charmene Brewer

nator of the Peer Health Educators. "If they buy carrots, they have to cut them up to put them in their lunch. But if they buy

chips or cookies, they just have to put them in a plastic bag and that's it."

Chefs from Sodexo demonstrated how to cook the fajitas, showing how students can make quick, healthy meals at home.

"I try to eat well, but finding time to eat is a tough thing," said student Chase Ditosto.

Consumers weigh in on city's plastic bag debate

ENVIRONMENT Consumers like Carolynne Heffernan say that it should be left to Calgarians to reduce their environmental impact, rather than forcing people to do without plastic bags.

City council voted Monday for a study that would explore what they can do to reduce plastic bags, which could lead to a phasing out or an outright ban.

"I think more people should bring their own bags to the grocery store, but what about the people who need to clean up their cat's litter box or their dog's poo? I think most people reuse their bags anyway," Heffernan said.

Stats provided by the City of Calgary say that only four per cent of single-use plastic bags are recycled. But that number doesn't account for Calgary families that reuse the bags they get for free from a grocery store — meaning they aren't actually "single-use."

Kimberly Watts thinks Calgary's possible phasing out of bags will have a big impact on her life. When Watts' family does get plastic bags from stores, they reuse them as garbage bags.

"I think they are still useful, even though we don't use them at the grocery store," she said.

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Anti-idling law might be on the way

With Edmonton debating the issue, city officials could start looking into the idea

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary



The luxury of snuggling up in a toasty warmed-up car on a cold day may eventually be a thing of the past for Calgarians.

Yesterday, Edmonton officials debated the prospect of an anti-idling bylaw, possibly cracking

down on citizens who warm up the engines or leave it on to run quick errands.

"In time, and not in the too distant future, Calgarians will embrace that as a strategy to reduce greenhouse gases," said Ald. Joe Ceci.

Currently, Calgary city workers — not including EMS, police or transit —



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Ald. Joe Ceci

are required to shut down the engine before leaving the vehicle, which Ceci said has been working successfully.

But before Calgarians

fully accept the idea, he said there needs to be more awareness among community members.

Ald. Jim Stevenson's first reaction was that it might

be futile, particularly because he questioned the ability to properly enforce such a bylaw, but Ald. Bob Hawkesworth said he wonders how big of a problem it really is.

"They don't leave their vehicles empty and idling," Hawkesworth said. "That's just the risk of it being stolen. People just don't do that anymore."

However, he said that he could certainly see "obvious merits" in expanding the anti-idling bylaw past city workers to a city-wide initiative.

"We did it for ourselves for a reason," he said, adding that city workers are to lead by example. Further investigation and research may also be beneficial, Hawkesworth said.

Leaky toilets can be costly

CONSERVATION One in four toilets is silently leaking water — do you know what your toilet is doing?

The City of Calgary is reminding citizens a leaky toilet can cost them up to \$100 a year of water being flushed down the drain. A leaky toilet wastes up to 28 bathtubs of water per year.

"Water conservation is everyone's responsibility," Amanda Ayhrhart of the city said.

The city is asking Calgarians to do the leaky toilet test found online at www.calgary.ca/waterservices.

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'Good Samaritan' beating a hoax

CHARGES Authorities say a Good Samaritan who claimed he was beaten by three people when he stopped to help them is facing charges in what they call a hoax.

RCMP spokesperson Patrick Webb said that they have charged Jason Erik Brunelle, 25, of Chestermere with public mischief a year after the man claimed he was beaten.

Webb says accounts of the incident were fabricated.

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Ihtsham Qureshi, 11, tries his hand at bowling (pitching) during a cricket demonstration yesterday. Members of the Canadian cricket team went to Crossing Park school to show kids how to play the international sport.

Swinging a different sort of bat

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary



SPORTS Electric excitement surged through the crowd of students at Crossing Park school as they tried out a game unfamiliar to many Calgarians: Cricket.

The school was part of yesterday's official launch of the Cricket Canada Scotiabank school program, which provides two free kits — complete with all necessary cricket supplies — information and train-

ing workshops to schools interested in participating.

The launch was held in the gym, where the game was explained and representatives from Cricket Canada, Cricket Alberta and Scotiabank addressed the students.

"Our school is just the perfect place to have this," said Barb Sigalet, principal of the northeast school. "I'm very excited that the kids have this chance to develop a passion for the game."

May visit planned

• Cricket Alberta will visit the school again in May for more training sessions. For more information, visit www.cricketcanada.org.

She says that since their school is so culturally diverse, she hopes the game, traditional to many of the students, acts as a bridge-builder.

Darren Mein, academic instructor, began teaching at Crossing Park four years

ago.

"I had kids coming up to me then asking, 'Can we play cricket?'" he said, adding that they "jumped all over" the opportunity when they heard about it.

"I think it's great that kids will be learning to play and can bring it to the next generation," said student Khesrow Nader, 14.

The Afghanistan native moved to Canada in 2001 from India, where he learned to play cricket.

"It's a pretty fun sport," he said.

Alberta hopes for Obama visit

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Calgary



OILSANDS Many are hoping U.S. president-elect Barack Obama will soon visit Calgary.

According to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, the oilsands will be a top priority during Obama's visit to Canada, which will be his first foreign stop as president.

"I don't think Obama understands the oil industry very well," said Thomas Flanagan, a University of Calgary political science professor. "It would be great if he could make it to Alberta. I really hope that it's possible, but I wouldn't hold my breath. It would be quite an achievement for Mr. Harper if he did pull it off."

While Obama's office couldn't confirm which city Obama would choose to visit, Flanagan said that for Obama to see the oil industry up close would be a huge benefit for the U.S.

Harper said that both Canada and the U.S. have a lot of pressure on them to do a better job when it comes to oil and the environment.

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Stork Craft cribs recalled

The company that makes the Stork Craft line of baby cribs is voluntarily recalling more than 1 million of them because of a potential suffocation hazard, authorities said yesterday. The cribs were made by B.C.-based Stork Craft Manufacturing Inc. and were sold at major retailers starting in May 2000. **REUTERS**

Canada



Court hears abortion appeal

The outcome of Henry Morgentaler's latest fight to force the New Brunswick government to pay for the costs of abortions at his Fredericton clinic is now in the hands of the province's Court of Appeal. A hearing concluded yesterday afternoon with the three judges reserving decision on the controversial case.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Jewish Congress says protests showed hatred

CONFLICT Today the Canadian Jewish Congress will release video footage it says will "expose incidents of incitement to hatred and violence" by demonstrators at several recent pro-Palestinian rallies held in cities across the country.

"We are going to be highlighting some of the hateful and vile comments demonizing Jews and Israelis at these demonstrations, including calls for the murder of Jewish children and incitements of genocide," said Bernie Farber, executive director of the CJC. "There are expectations that even when we demonstrate ... we do so with respect and civility."

CUPE leader softens boycott stance

ONTARIO Outspoken Ontario labour leader Sid Ryan has softened his stance on banning Israeli academics who won't condemn Israel's Gaza attacks amid denunciation from critics, including his own union's national president.

On Jan. 2, Ryan, head of the provincial office of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, said in a news release "... we are ready to say Israeli academics should not be on our campuses unless they explicitly condemn the (Islamic) university bombing and the assault on Gaza in general."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Military trucks to be built in U.S.

CAW blasts Ottawa for choosing firm that laid off 500 Canadian workers

The Canadian Auto Workers yesterday criticized Ottawa for farming out jobs to the U.S. for a company that is busy laying off the workforce at its Chatham, Ont., plant.

"Somebody has to explain to us why Canadian workers can't build military trucks for the Canadian military," said senior CAW executive Ken Chernecki, referring to a defence ministry contract to Illinois-based Navistar International Corp. to build 1,300 medium-duty trucks for the Canadian Armed Forces.

CAW officials plan to ask

"At the plant this morning, our guys were just dumbfounded; they're mad as hell."

Ken Chernecki, CAW executive

Navistar executives — already slated to meet with them today over heavy layoffs at their truck plant in Chatham — to switch the order from Garland, Tex., to their Canadian operation.

Navistar sent out 500 layoff notices to its Chatham workforce last week, with another 200 expected in the spring. Chernecki said only 200 workers are left and the

plant's survival is at stake.

"At the plant this morning, our guys were just dumbfounded; they're mad as hell," said Chernecki. "In the face of (layoffs) over the next few months, there is no legitimate credible reason" for Ottawa's decision.

"Doesn't the government know there's a manufacturing crisis in Canada?" he

added.

Asked yesterday why the contract couldn't have stipulated the trucks be built in Canada, a spokesperson for Defence Minister Peter MacKay referred Torstar News Service to the public works ministry.

"Minister MacKay's role is to outline what equipment and platforms are needed by the Canadian Forces," the defence ministry official said, in an email. "After identifying the need, Public Works follows a competitive procurement process."

But the public works de-

partment referred the question to Industry Canada and — in the end — there appeared to be no answer.

Yesterday, CAW president Ken Lewenza sent a letter to MacKay, asking him to "provide the necessary leadership to invest in Canada by having these vehicles built in Canada."

But, from Warrenville, Ill., Navistar corporate spokesperson Ray Wiley said the trucks couldn't be built in Chatham, challenging Chernecki's assertion the line could accommodate the medium-duty trucks. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Ottawa ObamaTails on the canal



Megan Blake of Almonte and Laura Buck of Ottawa, both 22, sample an ObamaTail on the Rideau Canal Skateway yesterday. The BeaverTails creation will be served at a U.S. inauguration party.

EnCana offers \$500,000 for pipeline bombing info

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada



Eligibility

- EnCana specified that anyone found to have colluded in the bombings is not eligible for the reward.

B.C. One of the province's largest oil and gas companies yesterday promised up to \$500,000 for information leading to an arrest and prosecution in the bombings of its natural gas facilities near Dawson Creek.

EnCana pipeline locations have been targeted four times since October, with the most recent attack occurring last week at a metering shed near Tomslake.

Police have identified what they describe as "persons of interest" who have not been co-operative with investigators, but still have no suspects.

"Police know from ... other major crime investi-

gations that when the suspect is finally arrested there will be a group of family, friends or co-workers who either knew or had (suspicions)," said RCMP Sgt. Tim Shields.

"We need the community's help to solve this crime," added Supt. Lloyd Plante, assistant criminal operations officer for national security in B.C.

Anyone with information about the bombings is asked to contact the RCMP or visit dawsoncreekbombings.com or encana.com.

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U.S. President George W. Bush took a parting swipe at Cuba yesterday, saying it was a cruel dictatorship that had responded to appeals for democratic reform with more repression of its people. **REUTERS**

World



Caffeine linked to hallucinations

Hearing voices when nobody is around or seeing things that aren't there? Too much caffeine could be to blame, British researchers reported yesterday. Their study found that students who consumed more than the equivalent of seven cups of instant coffee a day were three times more likely to have had these kinds of hallucinations compared to people on a single daily cup.

REUTERS

Israel marches on

GAZA Israel's top general said there was still "work ahead" in the 18-day offensive against Hamas in the Gaza Strip yesterday, and Israeli tanks and troops edged closer to the heart of the city of Gaza.

The Palestinian death toll reached 971, Gaza's Hamas-run

Health Ministry said, counting

some 400 women and children

among those killed. Israel

says 10 Israeli soldiers and three civilians hit by

Hamas rockets have died. The top UN aid official for Gaza appealed to the international community to protect Gaza's civilians, saying nowhere in the territory of 1.5 million people was safe any longer with the conflict becoming "a test of our humanity."

"All the people, the first

thing they say to me and the last thing they say to me is, 'Please, we need protection, nowhere is safe,'" John Ging, director of operations for the UN Relief and Works Agency, told reporters in Geneva by videolink.

Explosions and heavy machine-gun fire echoed across Gaza, a city of

Allegations

- Israel has denied Syrian allegations that it was responsible for traces of uranium found by IAEA experts at a Syrian site that Israel bombed in 2007, diplomats said.

500,000, after Israeli tanks moved nearer to its densely populated downtown area but did not enter, residents said.

The tanks appeared to be testing how the militants reacted.

In Cairo, a Hamas delegation resumed talks with Egypt on a ceasefire plan proposed by the Arab country, which borders the Gaza Strip and Israel and has made peace with the Jewish state. **REUTERS**

Mexico's Calderon leaves door open to NAFTA talks

FREE TRADE Mexican President Felipe Calderon left the door open yesterday to discussion of possible changes in the North American Free Trade Agreement a day after talks with U.S. president-elect Barack Obama.

The Mexican government has been concerned about Obama's campaign promise to renegotiate NAFTA with the United

States' two partners, Mexico and Canada.

NAFTA has greatly expanded Mexican trade with the U.S. since it went into effect in 1994, but the agreement is seen by U.S. unions as a cause of job losses in industrial states.

Calderon said in November that restricting trade would only drive more Mexicans to cross the U.S. border illegally. **REUTERS**



Hillary Clinton, right, smiles with her daughter Chelsea during her confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington to become the next U.S. secretary of state yesterday.

Clinton questioned over charity

Husband's foundation risks conflicts of interest: Republican

Former U.S. president Bill Clinton's charity should stop taking foreign donations to avoid any conflict of interest with his wife Hillary Clinton's work as secretary of state, a top Republican said yesterday.

Clinton was expected to be confirmed easily as the top U.S. diplomat, but Republican and Democratic lawmakers raised the issue of her husband's charitable fundraising as she testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana, the panel's top Re-

"The core of the problem is that foreign governments and entities may perceive the Clinton Foundation as a means to gain favour with the secretary of state."

Richard Lugar

publican and a centrist voice on U.S. foreign policy, said a disclosure agreement between president-elect Barack Obama's team and the William J. Clinton Foundation did not go far enough to prevent potential conflicts of interest.

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comes secretary of state."

Clinton, who was accompanied by her daughter Chelsea but not her husband, listened to Lugar but did not address the matter during her confirmation hearing.

The former president's foundation has disclosed past donors, which include the governments of Saudi Arabia and Norway, and has agreed to submit future donations to a State Department ethics review and disclose donations annually.

REUTERS

Sexually transmitted diseases skyrocket in U.S.

HEALTH U.S. syphilis rates rose for a seventh year in 2007, driven by gay and bisexual men, while chlamydia reached record numbers and gonorrhea remained at alarming levels, especially among blacks, officials said yesterday.

Blacks make up 12 per cent of the U.S. population but account for about 70 per cent of gonorrhea cases and almost half of chlamydia and syphilis cases, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

New infections

- When all STDs are considered, including human papillomavirus and herpes simplex viruses, almost 19 million new infections occur each year in the U.S., the CDC said.

Chlamydia and gonorrhea are easily diagnosed and treated, but frequently have no symptoms and remain undetected. Syphilis is less common than the others. **REUTERS**

Fraud investigation begun by N.Y. attorney general

CRIME New York state's top legal officer said yesterday his office is investigating frauds perpetrated on charities caught up in the scandal of accused swindler Bernard Madoff.

"We are looking at frauds on charities and people who may have defrauded charities" in the Madoff case, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said. "I don't want to comment on who we are investigating or not by name," he said, adding that the probe was "not looking at

Alleged victims

- Big banks, the wealthy, funds and charities have all declared themselves victims of Madoff.

Mr. Madoff" himself at this time.

Authorities say the veteran money manager, who was charged with securities fraud by federal prosecutors in Manhattan, confessed to a \$50-billion US investment fraud a month ago. **REUTERS**

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U.S. battle over gay marriage shifts to Maine

A Maine lawmaker introduced a bill yesterday to legalize same-sex marriage, but it will face tough opposition. **REUTERS**

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South Korea cools off on hot-headed divorces

The number of divorces in South Korea fell by about a quarter after it ended a system where marriages could end quicker than a movie and at fees cheaper than two cinema tickets, data obtained yesterday showed.

Last June, South Korea ended a policy that allowed most couples to divorce on-the-spot and instead implemented a mandatory deliberation period before they could end their marriages.

The change came after some judges complained

Exceptions

- On-the-spot divorces are still granted in cases of physical or sexual abuse.

their courts were filled on Monday mornings with "hot-headed" couples seeking to split up after rough weekends. The judges called for laws to set up a cooling-off period to think over divorce decisions.

The Supreme Court said that after the system went into place, the number of couples cancelling their

petitions seeking divorce increased, while National Statistical Office data showed those actually divorcing fell sharply from the same period a year ago.

Under the previous system, couples who filed papers at a local government office and paid a fee equal to a few dollars could divorce in less than an hour.

The new system requires couples with children to go through a three-month deliberation process while childless couples can end their marriage after a one-month period. **REUTERS**

Costa Rica Earthquake aftermath



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Earthquake survivors listen to information disseminated by the National Commission of Emergencies at a field used as temporary refuge in Fraijanes, Costa Rica, yesterday. The final death toll in Costa Rica from a 6.1-magnitude earthquake last week will likely rise to around 40.

Russia opens gas taps, but no relief

EUROPE Russia started pumping gas meant for Europe via Ukraine yesterday for the first time in nearly a week, but the European Union said little or no gas was flowing to countries suffering urgent energy shortages.

Russia accused Ukraine of shutting off gas to Europe. But Kiev blamed lack of pressure in the pipeline system and said it could not ship gas without cutting off several of its regions.

The crisis has disrupted

Talks today

- Bulgaria and Slovakia, two of the hardest hit EU states, were reported to be sending their prime ministers to Russia and Ukraine today for urgent talks.

supplies to some 18 countries — some of them totally dependent on Russian gas — at the height of winter, shutting down dozens of factories in southeast Europe and leaving hundreds of thousands of people

without heating.

Russia said flows were partly restarted yesterday but then blocked.

State-controlled gas monopoly Gazprom said it was declaring force majeure on gas exports to Europe, meaning circumstances beyond its control prevented it from meeting its obligations to clients.

Ukraine told the EU there were "technical difficulties" in that the pressure of gas from Russia was too low. **REUTERS**

News in brief

MOTORCYCLES Confronted with the most dramatic contraction in consumer spending in decades, U.S. motorcycle maker Harley Davidson Inc. and its rivals in the heavyweight bike market are bracing for a precipitous

drop in 2009 sales. Analysts at Goldman Sachs think Harley's sales in the United States will tumble 30 per cent, the largest decline since the early 1970s.

CANCER Regular cellphone use does not appear to increase a

person's risk of getting a type of cancer called melanoma of the eye, German researchers said yesterday. The findings contradicted an earlier, smaller study by the same researchers that had raised concern about such a link. **REUTERS**

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Paul's Senate resumé

Columnist believes he was overlooked by PM Harper

The WestView



Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I see you have started appointing journalists to the Senate, and I think it's about time you put away those fussy old Reform party ideas about a so-called "Triple E" Senate and take to padding it with the same cynical relish as your Tory predecessor Brian Mulroney, who, in 1990, appointed eight senators in a single day in order to get the GST rammed through.

I'm just sending this note to let you know that I'm making myself available. I know you've got another round of appointments scheduled in March and I don't want to miss out.

Obviously, you didn't know I was available when you made your most recent picks. If Mike Duffy gets to climb into a nice cosy Upper Chamber seat and doze off, why shouldn't I be next in



Columnist Paul Sullivan is lobbying Prime Minister Stephen Harper for a seat in the Senate.

line? I mean, my qualifications are a match for his. And unlike Mike, I wouldn't need the extra chair.

Look, I'm at least as old as he is. Some would say washed up, but that's cruel and unkind. I prefer to think that I'm seasoned and experienced, like Mike.

Like Mike, I have the ability to form instant opinions out of thin air and communicate them wisely and

gravely. I can even do that little head move he has that simulates thoughtfulness. That's ideal in a senator, who can say or think whatever he or she likes knowing it will be ignored because no one ever listens to a senator.

Like Mike, I have absolutely no actual experience in government or governing, so I have no idea how hard it is for MPs who actually have to get elected by the popula-

tion at large rather than get appointed by a grateful prime minister. I also have no intention of finding out.

I also understand the Senate meets for 90 days a year and senators can miss 21 of those days before any penalties apply, which means I only have to turn up once every five days or so and still get the \$130,000 per annum cash and perks. So I won't be hanging around getting in the way.

You can rest assured that I have never said or reported anything of any consequence that might embarrass you, so I am eminently qualified to cash in and I am more than willing to serve until 75, which, sadly, is only 17 years away. Time is of the essence! Don't worry about the collapse of the economy or the fact that your minority government is hanging by a frayed thread of national suffering — the time is always right to hand out the pork to your real friends.

Yours in journalistic and parliamentary integrity, Paul

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting.



Letters

'Simple' solution to end problems in the Mideast

It is simple how the current problems in Gaza can be solved. Hamas can stop its deliberate targeting of Israeli civilians, which number more than 10,000 missiles in the past eight years and more than 500 in the so-called recent truce.

Israel will not have to finally respond and will stop

targeting the Hamas terrorists who hide amongst the Arab civilians of Gaza. The UN can assist by not employing Hamas members on its staff and allowing use of UN resources. After that, having seized control of Gaza by violent means, Hamas should concentrate on creating the theocratic state that it claims it yearns for.

MICHAEL BAIGEL, TORONTO

Word on the street: Do you think polygamy should be illegal?

Marina Sen

age 19, Vancouver

A: I think it should be illegal because of the repercussions women face if they choose to leave their community.

Galen Winter

age 27, Edmonton

A: Yes, but no. Everyone has the right to freedom of religion, but should respect basic human rights and decency.

Emily Forrest

age 35, Halifax

A: Perhaps it should be illegal because the women suffer. If somebody's getting hurt, that's where I stand.

John Baillie

age 72, Toronto

A: Yes, it should be illegal. It's against society and everything. It's disgusting.

Odiana Knight

age 62, Toronto

A: I would say no. People are practising it anyway — that's why divorce rates are sky high. It might keep more families together in a harmonious way.

Carlo D'amico

age 37, Montreal

A: Yes, it should be illegal. I was raised in having just one partner in my life and I don't see how I'd be able to devote myself to multiple wives.

Tram Danh

age 19, Vancouver

A: I think it should be illegal. Why should men have more than one wife? It's unfair and a double standard.

Ali Souliman

age 21, Ottawa

A: In our society, in Canada, I think it's not possible. I'm Muslim, I could have four wives, but I'm not going to because I'm westernized.

Matt Carruthers

age 19, Ottawa

A: I think it should be legal, but it all comes down to the individual. If you want to have one husband and he has many wives, that's up to her. It all has to be consensual, of course.



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Standard & Poor's yesterday affirmed its AAA rating for 12 nations, including Canada and the United States, but said risks to the United States' top sovereign grade have increased since the financial crisis deepened in September. **REUTERS**

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Toyota defies gloom

Dealers selling more vehicles than ever before

Toyota dealers across the country are smiling despite the turmoil in the auto industry.

While dealers for some manufacturers are struggling because of a big sales slump and too many stores, Toyota retailers sold more autos than ever last year.

Toyota's 239 dealers across the country sold an average of 875 cars and trucks in 2008, far more than any other company,

"The success of their product was a key part of reaching this level."

Dennis DesRosiers

statistics from DesRosiers Automotive Consultants showed yesterday.

It represented an 11-per-cent increase for Toyota dealers from 2007 and a 68-per-cent jump in aver-

age annual sales since 2000. The increase also marks the first time that an automaker has sold more than 800 vehicles per store in Canadian history.

"The success of their product was a key part of reaching this level," said DesRosiers president Dennis DesRosiers.

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A passenger checks in at an Alitalia desk at Fiumicino airport near Rome yesterday. Alitalia took to the skies as a revamped, privately owned carrier after nearly being grounded for good last year. Italian investors bought its best parts, leaving the rest to the Italian state.

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Trade surplus hits 11-year low on oil

ECONOMY Canada's monthly trade surplus shrank to its lowest level in 11 years in November as oil prices plummeted and demand for Canadian commodities declined along with the U.S. economy.

The surplus fell to \$1.28 billion, the smallest since October 1997, Statistics Canada said, signalling the economy may have contracted far more than expected in the fourth quarter. The news sent the loonie to its weakest level this month.

REUTERS

Nortel shares dive ahead of key date

INTEREST Shares of Nortel Networks fell more than 20 per cent yesterday, two days before it is due to make an interest payment of about \$107 million US.

Nortel had about \$2.3 billion at end of September.

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Non-bank lenders get voice at talks

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is expanding his new working group on credit to include other stakeholders, a move that gave non-bank lenders their first voice at the table.

An industry source said executives from individual banks, along with the Canadian Bankers Association, met with their counterparts from Desjardins, Canada's largest co-operative financial group, and Credit Union Central of Canada yesterday.

It was unclear whether the financial co-operatives would take up permanent seats or function as observers.

Still, their invitation to participate was another

hint the federal government could take more action to bolster credit when it reveals its budget Jan. 27.

At least one automotive finance company is now expressing an eagerness to join the group.

"Yes, certainly we would be interested in that," said Jelena Jelich, spokesperson for Chrysler Financial Canada.

"At Chrysler Financial, we continue to be constricted in our ability to provide loans because of the tight credit markets," Jelich said.

Other non-bank lenders including GMAC Canada, Ford Credit Canada and GE Capital Solutions, declined comment yesterday.

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Background

- Flaherty created the group last week in response to mounting complaints about access to credit. Bank executives and government officials were charged with exploring solutions to make loans more accessible.

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AIG SALE Bank of Montreal will buy the Canadian life insurance business of American International Group Inc. for about \$375 million, the companies said yesterday. The move is the latest in a series of asset sales at distressed prices.

AUTO U.S. auto sales in 2009 should fall about 13 per cent

and reach their lowest level in 27 years, pushing some automakers closer to the verge of collapse, analysts said.

MEAT Canada said it will shelve for now its World Trade Organization complaint about U.S. rules that require a country-of-origin label on meat sold in U.S. stores.

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Rolle chooses Oxford over NFL

Florida State University defensive back Myron Rolle, right, will not enter this spring's NFL draft, opting instead to attend Oxford University in England for a year to study medical anthropology on a Rhodes Scholarship. Rolle plans to enter the 2010 draft. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Sports

"I feel like crap ... I have a tough time dealing with it year after year."

Former big league pitcher Bert Blyleven, left, to ESPN Radio yesterday on being passed over for the Baseball Hall of Fame for the twelfth straight year. Blyleven compiled a 287-250 record with a 3.31 ERA and 3,701 strikeouts in a 22-year career, mostly with the Twins.

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Decisions for NHLPA

The NHL Players Association intends to divulge before month's end whether it will:

A) End its collective bargaining agreement with the NHL or extend it another two seasons;

B) Fire former superstar **Eric Lindros** as its ombudsman or retain him.

Hockey sources predicted in chats with Metro yesterday that the NHLPA will announce during festivities surrounding the All-Star Game in Montreal Jan. 25 that its player representatives are choosing to extend the agreement.

The CBA that ended the 2004-05 NHL lockout gave the players the option to either terminate the existing agreement next September or extend it two more seasons.

The sources said players are not interested in a major labour battle during these troubling economic times, already have voted to extend the existing agreement and intend to enthusiastically announce their decision in Montreal.

At the same time, the sources said, the union might announce the firing of Lindros. They said his firing is possible because of a major division in the NHLPA over his contributions. Union executives won't publicly discuss Lindros but some say privately he's caused rifts and has improperly handled his job.

•During the NHL lockout, sports networks picked up poker to fill air time and, years later, pok-

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er ratings remain high. But is poker a sport? I'm beginning to think so, and I'll be profiling Canadian poker star **Isabelle Mercier** this week, but I'd like to know your thoughts. Email marty.york@metronews.ca to tell me if you consider poker a sport.

Incidentally, the most-searched word on the internet in 2008? Poker.

•**Mike Benevides** stunned the Argonauts recently by rejecting their offer to become Toronto's head coach, but his decision may well be a blessing for his predecessor with the B.C. Lions.

Dave Ritchie, who left B.C. before last season and was replaced as the team's defensive co-ordinator by Benevides, has been contacted by the Argos and has emerged as one of the top two candidates for the job. The other is **Bart Andrus**, an assistant coach with the NFL's Tennessee Titans.

If Andrus is chosen, the Argos will try to recruit Ritchie as assistant head coach and defensive co-ordinator. Ritchie, 70, spent 25 years in Canada as a head and assistant coach and his knowledge of the league could help Andrus, who has no CFL experience.

Flames win third straight

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THE SKINNY: Michael Cammalleri scored twice, while David Moss notched the game-winner on a late third-period power play to lead the Flames to their third straight win and eighth in their last nine games.

THE QUOTE: "I expect his (goals) to come in bundles," Cammalleri said of linemate Jarome Iginla, who hasn't scored in five games. "He had



Calgary's Curtis Glencross and Thomas Pock of the Islanders battle in the third period of last night's game.

a couple really good shots in the third that he got off in Jarome fashion, hard and crisp. They did everything but go in."

THE GAFFE: After St. Louis forward Dan Hinote took a

harmless shot on goal late in the opening frame, Curtis Glencross accidentally swatted the puck past Miikka Kiprusoff to give the Blues a 1-0 lead.

THE REDEMPTION: Exact-

ly one minute later, Michael Cammalleri wired a perfect shot to the top corner over St. Louis goalie Chris Mason's outstretched glove during a Calgary power play to tie the contest.

THE RATING: Two out of five stars. A late surge by the Flames sent the fans home happy, but Calgary still looked like a team that hadn't played in five days, while the Blues played like the worst team in the Western Conference.

out of five pucks

THE NEXT GAME: Nine days after beating the San Jose Sharks 5-2 on home ice, the Flames travel to northern California for a rematch this Thursday (8:30 p.m., Sportsnet, Fan 960).

Sports in brief

NHL Tampa Bay Lightning star Vincent Lecavalier has addressed rumours that he could be headed to his hometown of Montreal in a trade. "I grew up with the Canadiens," Lecavalier told Montreal's La Presse newspaper. "I understand there are a lot of rumours ... but they are

rumours." Lightning GM Brian Lawton told the St. Petersburg Times Monday that Lecavalier is not being shopped.



Lowe

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution is reporting that the deal is worth \$60 million.

MLB The Atlanta Braves have reportedly agreed to terms with right-hander Derek Lowe on a four-year contract.

CFL Former Saskatchewan Roughrider Trevis Smith is applying for parole for the first time since he was sent to prison in 2007 for knowingly

exposing women to the virus that causes AIDS.

HOCKEY A northern Ontario community is in mourning after a teenage hockey player died following an on-ice collision. Sixteen-year-old Kristopher Meshake died on the weekend.

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Honda Civic like hotcakes

Based on its all-time record annual sales of 72,463 units in 2008, Honda Civic became the first passenger car in 15 years to achieve status as the top-selling vehicle, including all cars and trucks, in Canada. The Civic also remained Canada's top-selling passenger car for an 11th consecutive year, outselling its nearest competitor by 14,727 units.

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A new dance at Detroit show

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

Veteran auto journalist

The Detroit auto show, also known by its more grandiose name — The North American International Auto Show — is in full swing right now. But it's an awkward swing, like a 12-year old boy with size 10 feet, dancing with his mother.

Big auto shows usually have great atmosphere. Hard not to, I guess, when

you've got world debuts of exciting vehicular creations, and very theatrical press conferences and displays.

The whole point of these auto shows, it seems, is a chance for the auto players to one-up each other, show a little swagger, and give us that sizzle we so much like with our car steaks.

Put someone on a stage to be humble, however, and well, it's not great theatre. Unless of course, you were looking for tragedy or a train wreck. But we didn't get that, either. The 2009 Detroit auto show was not nearly as exciting as past years, or as entertainingly bad as some had hoped.

Even when someone had



Even breakthrough cars such as the Toyota Prius Plug-In Hybrid were greeted with muted enthusiasm at the Detroit auto show in Cobo Center, columnist Michael Goetz writes.

something cool to show the world, like VW did with its brilliant, minimalist, mid-engine roadster concept, it was done in the wake of a sombre speech by its chairman, outlining the compa-

ny's commitment to "the show, the city, and the U.S. auto industry."

As you know, many of his import colleagues didn't show up. Many others decided to go low key, with

simple displays and no "unveil."

Ford is the sole Detroit-based automaker that isn't dipping into government bailout money — for now at least. It seemed to revel in that position, with decidedly more whiz-bang in its unveilings, and more strut to its stride, than exhibited by either of its U.S. brethren.

One of its introductions, the 2010 Ford Mustang Shelby GT 500, also gave us gear heads one of the few occasions to holler — not only is it a great 540-hp boy toy, it exited the stage in Cobo Center via tire squeal. Some in the crowd actually squealed back, in delight no doubt, for putting a small dent in the political correctness warp

shield that seemed to be in force around the whole show.

Nobody whooped or hollered when Ford talked about its new Fusion hybrid, or, later, when Toyota announced that its new Prius would return a combined fuel efficiency rating of 50 mpg, or when the Chinese automaker BYD, took the wraps off the world's first production plug-in hybrid (on sale in China later this month).

But that's OK. This was not a show to stir the emotions; this was people trying to figure out a new dance.

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Hyundai's top creation

A look at the 2009 North American Car of the Year

People have the wrong idea of luxury. Luxury isn't heated seats, a sunroof or leather. It can't be defined by options lists, vehicle types nor engineering feats — nor with pedigree, prestige or presence.

Worse still, luxury becomes meaningless immediately when many people have access to it. Espresso in the morning used to be a luxury. Sushi used to be a luxury.

So did cottages, condos, bottled water, cellphones and designer handbags. Once you can buy it at the local mall, it's ubiquitous.

Hyundai knows ubiquitous. From the Pony to the \$9,995 Accent, for decades its electricity bills have been paid on the back of frugal and simple vehicles.

There's nothing groundbreaking about the Genesis' styling. Apart from the conspicuous absence of a Hyundai badge, of course. From some angles it looks like a Mercedes-Benz S-Class; other viewpoints bring out a little BMW 5-Series, Lexus

2009 Hyundai Genesis

Type: Luxury sedan
Price: \$37,995–\$43,995
Engine: V6, DOHC 3.8L/
V8, DOHC, 4.6L
HP: 290@6,000/375@6,550

Highlights

- Named 2009 North American Car of the Year at the Detroit auto show
- Value for money
- Impressive drivetrain

GS, or Infiniti M. All of which are easily recognized as luxury vehicles, and admittedly the Genesis also looks like it could be parked out front at the Four Seasons.

The car's trump card is its drivetrain: Either a 3.8L V6 with 306 horsepower or a 4.6L V8 with 375 horses. All that power is channelled through — yes — the rear wheels. The V8 even has a limited-slip differential.

So-called the "Tao" V8, a Genesis so equipped can do 0-100 km/h in well under six



The award-winning Hyundai Genesis marks a major step for the South Korean automaker in its push to produce a more upscale, mass-market vehicle for North American consumers.

seconds, and onto a 14.1-second quarter-mile time.

Credit goes to a near-perfect weight distribution and adaptive shock absorbers manufactured by Sachs — which are standard on all models.

The chassis seems reluctant at first to liven up, being geared more toward ride comfort than Nürburgring Nordschleife lap times. But because the suspension needs to sense the driver wants to attack a series of corners, you need a certain absence of imagination to what will happen if the 1,817 kg car doesn't decide

to stick.

Price ranges from \$37,995 to \$48,995, with the V8 starting at \$43,995. Standard on the V6 and V8 base models are: Six-speed automatic transmission, ABS with EBD, eight airbags, front active headrests, electronic stability control, air conditioning, leather seats, heated seats, power locks, power windows, dual zone climate control, auto defogging system, proximity entry with smart key system, AM/FM/XM/MP3 stereo with six-disc CD player and seven speakers, iPod and

USB/AUX-input, heated exterior mirrors and front fog lights.

Which, if we're honest, is more than anyone could ever want — until you get to the \$2,000 premium package, which adds things like a sunroof, larger rims, HID headlights, and front and rear parking sensors.

But wait, there's more. The \$5,000 technology package installs woodgrain trim, power rear sunshade, Lexicon 17-speaker audio system, cooled driver's seat, navigation system, back-up camera and adap-

tive headlights.

So does the car deserve its "Genesis" nomenclature to signify the start of a world-beating, luxury car-making Hyundai?

It shows a viable future for Hyundai five to 10 years from now as a luxury car player.

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There are many winter driving myths out there, including the misconception that during winter, most accidents occur during storms.

Winter driving myths busted

Visions of navigating through snow, sleet and black ice are enough to convince most drivers to hibernate this winter. But for those willing to brave the icy roads, Tracey Poulin, health and safety manager for FedEx, offers drivers some safe-driving tips and puts an end to a number of dangerous winter driving myths.

MYTH NO. 1

There is no difference between all-season tires and winter tires.

FALSE — There are many different types of tires available for all kinds of climates and conditions. When preparing for a change of season, consult the experts and have them recommend the most appropriate tires for

your vehicle.

MYTH NO. 2

In winter, accidents usually happen during storms. **FALSE** — During a storm, drivers tend to drive a lot more carefully, but when the weather is good, people take more risks.

MYTH NO. 3

Thanks to my anti-lock brakes, I can brake without danger, which isn't the case with traditional brakes.

FALSE — The nature of anti-lock brakes means that stopping distances may be longer than with traditional brakes.

MYTH NO. 4

Nothing beats a nice wide tire for driving in snow.

FALSE — Wide tires tend

to float on top of the snow, unlike narrow tires, which provide a better grip.

MYTH NO. 5

In winter you should keep your distance and leave at least five car lengths between yourself and the car in front when driving at 100 km/h.

FALSE — Transport Canada recommends leaving a distance of 10 car lengths when driving at 100 km/h in winter.

MYTH NO. 6

The letters M+S (mud and snow) on a tire show that it is a winter tire.

FALSE — The letters M+S may also appear on all-season tires which, despite their name, are not recommended for winter driving.

NEWS CANADA

Toyota prices all-new Venza

MODEL Toyota Canada recently announced its pricing plans for the new Toyota Venza.

With the choice of a four-cylinder or V6 engine, both with starting prices below \$30,000, Toyota adds value as a key chapter of the Venza story.

"We're pleased to offer the remarkable new Toyota Venza — the five-passenger vehicle that combines the best of sedan-like performance and comfort with SUV versatility," noted Warren Orton, director

of Toyota Canada Inc.

"The Venza demands immediate attention, and with an attractive MSRP that starts at \$28,270, Toyota is inviting Canadian drivers to see for themselves that this unique vehicle offers value, great performance and fuel efficiency with no compromise on innovative design and amenities."

The all-new Venza — designed and built in North America and sold exclusively to the North American market — is a new kind of vehi-

cle that is ideal for active boomers and young families.

Regardless of engine choice, the Venza does not compromise with a premium comfort interior, ample cargo space, towing capability, and front-wheel-drive or the added confidence of all-wheel-drive.

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Travel

Underwater photo contest

From March 9 to 14, Photo Sub 2009, an international underwater photography competition, will take place at the International Scuba Diving Centre in Isle of Youth, Cuba. The sub-aquatic contest will grant 17 awards in categories such as fish (turtle, octopus, squid), undersea flora and fauna, colours, works using flash, and so on. For more information, visit cayolargodelsur.cu/fotosub2009, cubatur.cu and cubatravel.cu.

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Navigating Obama's Chicago

The U.S. president-elect's hometown haunts are worth checking out

EMMA E. FORREST
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Barack Obama sightings won't be quite so frequent in the president-elect's hometown of Chicago once he moves the wife and kids into the White House. But that doesn't mean you can't check out the Windy City in purely presidential style.

Where to stay: Budget

Hyde Park Arms Hotel: If you want to crash in Obama's South Side 'hood — the lovely Kenmore-Hyde Park — the Hyde Park Arms is the way to do it on the cheap. It's a clean, safe hotel, providing just the basics. Rooms are leased weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. From \$145 US/week; 5316 S. Harper Ave., 773-493-3500.

Mid-range

Hilton Chicago: The landmark downtown hotel is where Obama held his first press conference as the president-elect. The comfortable, classic hotel overlooks Grant Park, where he gave his election night victory speech. From \$98/night; 720 S. Michigan Ave., 312-922-4400, hilton.com.

Deluxe

The Whitehall Hotel: The historic, surprisingly-large boutique hotel downtown is gorgeously appointed, restored meticulously to its



A view of the Chicago skyline. Visitors to the city can see where the Obama family lived, shopped, ate and socialized.

United States Presidential Inauguration

original 1920s grandeur. It's also a favourite of Obama-supporting celebrities. From \$147/night; 105 E. Delaware Pl., 866-753-4081, thewhitehallhotel.com.

What to see:

Kenwood-Hyde Park neighbourhood: Dominated by the beautiful campus of the University of Chicago (where Obama taught constitutional law), the president-elect's neighbourhood, Kenwood-Hyde Park,

offers a fascinating collection of large homes from the late 19th century; the family resides in a large, red-brick home on Greenwood Avenue.

Learn about that Frank Lloyd Wright-designed building you're gawking at by taking a walking tour of the area, guided by members of the Chicago Architecture Foundation (\$10, architecture.org). Afterwards, check out the Hyde Park Art Center, the oldest alternative exhibition space in the city; 5020 S. Cornell Ave., 773-324-5520, hydeparkart.org.

Sears Tower: Take in the

whole of Obama's hometown from atop the 1,450-foot Sears Tower, the tallest building in North America. On a clear day, visitors on the viewing deck can see for 40 to 50 miles over neighbouring states Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin, or just marvel at Chicago's stunning architecture; 233 S. Wacker Dr., \$12.95, 312-875-9696, theskydeck.com.

U.S. Cellular Field: It's almost essential that the American president is a fan of the great American pastime — baseball. Obama roots for the White Sox, who call the South

Side's U.S. Cellular Field home; 333 W. 35th St., Tel 312-674-1000, chicago.whitesox.mlb.com.

Where to shop:

57th Street Books: This is where the president-elect liked to get literary. Now, of course, you can pick up an Obama-penned tome at this cosy, independent South Side bookseller; 1301 E. 57th St., 773-684-1300, semcoop.booksense.com.

Urbanest/Anderonville:

Chicago is known for its fabulous design sense, and the eco-conscious Urbanest offers the best well-priced modern home furnishings

in town. Any piece in their Soho Collection would look stunning in the White House, but if you're looking to furnish your house (and not spend thousands in shipping costs to get a piece back home), their accessories, including lamps and vases, are equally divine; 5228 N. Clark St., 773-271-1000, urbanestliving.com.

Where to eat: Budget

MacArthur's: In his book *The Audacity of Hope*, Obama reminisces about the turkey legs and dressing at MacArthur's, a soul food (they prefer to call it "fine Southern cuisine") icon in the city; 5412 W. Madison St., 773-261-2316, macarthursrestaurant.com

Expensive

Topolobampo: Celebrity chef Rick Bayless serves up Sopa Azteca and other Mexican specialties to the soon-to-be first family at this 70-seat, downtown foodie hotspot; 445 N. Clark St., 312-661-1434, rickbayless.com, reservations recommended two weeks in advance.

Spiaggia: The site of Barack and Michelle Obama's so-called first date after winning the White House, Spiaggia is a world-class Italian establishment with views almost as impeccable as the service and cuisine; 980 N. Michigan Ave., 312-280-2750, visit online at spiaggiarestaurant.com.

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The downside of travel advisories

Warnings are necessary, but can they make you worry more than you need to?

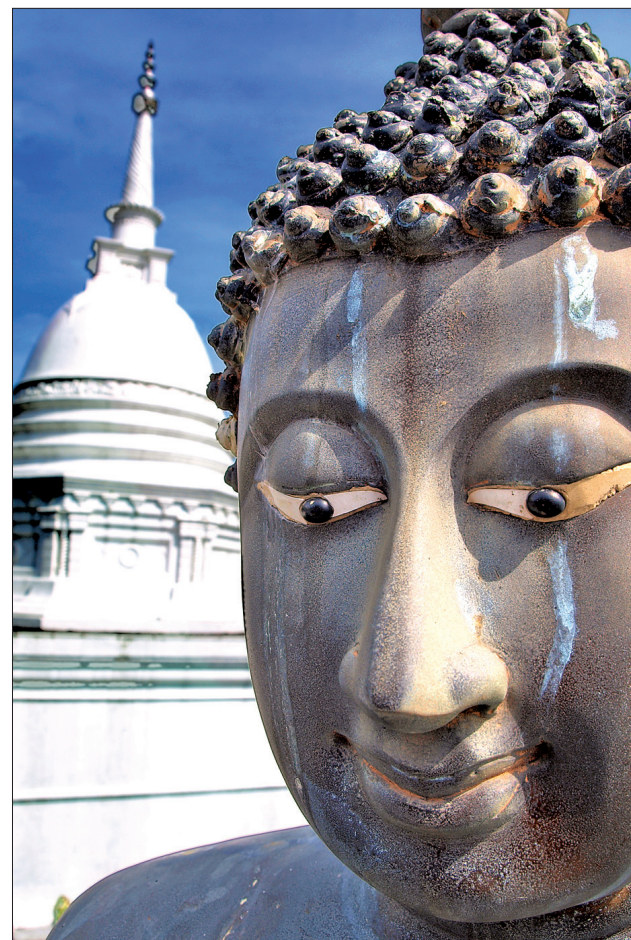
The **TravelJunkie**

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Left, a man sells flowers outside a temple that's popular with tourists — he's one of many who are affected by the drop in Sri Lanka's visitor numbers. Right, the Gangarama Temple overlooking Beira Lake was another tourist favourite.



JULIA DIMON/FOR METRO CANADA

Travel advisories aren't the most comforting reports to read right before you get on a plane. One such advisory, containing phrases such as "fatal bombings," "incidents of violence targeting crowds of civilians" and "random acts of terrorism," inspired second thoughts about my impending visit to war-torn Sri Lanka.

In this South Asian country, the 20-year-long conflict between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and the Sri Lanka Army has led to over 60,000 deaths, damaged the economy, brought political instability and, unsurprisingly, caused a decline in tourist numbers. In 2007, close to 500,000 tourists visited Sri Lanka, 11.7 per cent fewer less than the previous year.

It's no wonder. A few days before I arrived, Tamil

Tiger rebels fired at a civilian bus travelling along a freeway.

According to local newspapers, the random attack killed three passengers and injured 16.

With news like that, even I — the girl who has backpacked through parts of the DR Congo, Rwanda and the Palestinian Territories — was feeling spooked.

After a week of exploring, touring from the capital city to the countryside, I discovered a reality beyond the travel advisories — a warm and wonderful country with stunning landscapes, rich cultural festivals and friendly people.

I learned how Ceylon tea is processed, how sapphires are harvested and

how to say hello in both Sinhala and Tamil. I checked out a community development project, played cricket with school children and planted my very own mango tree.

Sri Lanka quickly became one of my all-time favourite destinations. Sights, sounds, smell and colour abound; in fact, everyone and everything in this country seems like a potential subject for a National Geographic photograph.

As much as I wish more people could see this beautiful country, there's something selfishly intoxicating about visiting "uncharted territories" off the tourist grid.

I loved being one of the only tourists around, but for the Sri Lankan people, it's another matter.

"If the tourists aren't hiring tour guides, I can't make money to support my family," said HP, a 65

year-old who takes tourists around the Independence Memorial Hall in Colombo. A man with white hair and sparkling blue eyes, he explained that prices have gone up in recent years and living is hard.

Like many others I spoke to — from jewellery store owners to vendors hawking elephant-themed trinkets — HP said that if the downturn continues, he may have to leave the country altogether to look for alternative employment.

Dee, a native of Ohio, first came to Sri Lanka as part of a tsunami relief project but, quickly, he was compelled to do more than just volunteer.

Together with local partners he set up Jack's Place, a guesthouse catering to foreign backpackers. When it first opened three years ago, business was booming but in recent months, Dee's business has hit a dry

Sri Lanka

- Sri Lanka can seem scary when you read the travel advisories. Government documents ask tourists to avoid several areas in the northeastern parts of the country, including Kilinochchi, Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Ampara Districts, the Jaffna Peninsula, Mannar and Vavuniya.
- In the region I visited —

Kataragama, in the south — I felt completely safe, although I did have one brief moment of uncertainty while walking through an overcrowded market at a religious festival. Instead of worrying, I temporarily adopted a fatalistic approach and bought myself some curry.

**JULIA DIMON/
FOR METRO CANADA**

patch.

Still, there was an overriding sense of hope among the people with whom I spoke — hope that the civil war will end, that

there will finally be peace and the tourists will come flooding back.

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Howie Mandel was hospitalized in Toronto on Monday with an irregular heartbeat, his publicist said. The 53-year-old comedian was in Canada taping his new show *Howie Do It*. He was released yesterday. [MSN.COM](http://msn.com)

Entertainment

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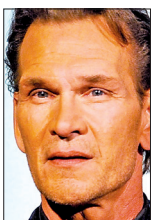
Swayze battles Beast

TV Those who tune in to tomorrow's premiere of *The Beast* on A&E for purely macabre reasons (i.e. looking to get a glimpse of a man wasting away before their eyes) will come away disappointed.

Patrick Swayze may be battling pancreatic cancer, but you wouldn't know it to observe the actor's powerful performance as a loose-cannon undercover FBI agent in what is otherwise a fairly standard-issue cop drama.

As for that bracing performance by Swayze, forget about *Dirty Dancing* and *Ghost* and think *Dirty Harry*. Playing a fed who is out of control, his performance here is edgy, disturbing and all-involving. Even at its most contrived, *The Beast* works far better than last year's homegrown A&E hour *The Cleaner*, with Benjamin Bratt.

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Swayze

Every dog has its day

Canines have never had such a presence in family-based entertainment

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Thor Freudenthal might possibly be the most ironic person to direct the new family comedy *Hotel for Dogs*.

"I'm personally kind of a cat person but I found that putting a camera on a cat makes the cat look bored," said the director while promoting the film recently in L.A. "Dogs are always participating in something, they're so expressive and I think that's why they're great for the screen."

There's no disputing that argument. From *Marley & Me* to last year's *Beverly Hills Chihuahua*, canines have never had such a presence in family-based entertainment. For Freudenthal, the reason became clear while making *Hotel for Dogs*, which opens in theatres this Friday.

"There's this bond unlike any other bond between a dog and a human being," said Freudenthal. "There's that innocent quality to them that has no



Emma Roberts and Jake T. Austin star in *Hotel for Dogs*, which opens in theatre on Friday.

agenda but to please us or give love in a way."

"It's a common interest too," added star Emma Roberts. "Even if two people are completely opposite, you can bond over

(dogs). It's a common interest that's a simple bond."

In the film, Roberts plays a foster child who, along with her brother (Jake T. Austin), discovers

an abandoned hotel and transform it into a majestic home for all the homeless mutts they can manage. But that doesn't mean things were especially friendly on-set. With over

60 dogs running around, each with their own individual trainer, making *Hotel for Dogs* would be considered anything but domestic bliss.

"We did have a couple of instances where we had a lot of them in one room and there was either a little fight breaking out or somebody got a little too hungry," laughed Freudenthal.

"We had to do a lot of ADR work, which is, we had to overlap our lines," added Austin. "Either there was barking or trainers yelling or Thor, the director screaming, giving direction."

Head trainer Mark Forbes would attest to the manic filming conditions. Having also worked on *Marley & Me*, he insists the greatest attribute for making dog movies is patience. "It just takes time and the crew, they're used to (doing) three or four takes. With these guys, sometimes it takes 10, 15, 20 takes to get it right — so just everybody being so patient is what got both of these films made so well."

Chandni Chowk to China and beyond

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Even though it has remained the world's most prolific filmmaking machine for more than 50 years, the wild world of the Bollywood movie is generally unknown to most mainstream North American viewers.

Chandni Chowk to China aims to change all that. The epic, big budget kung-fu comedy — it opens Friday — marks the first time major U.S. studio Warner Bros. has co-produced a completely Hindi-language picture (other studios Fox, Sony and Disney have similarly begun investing in Bollywood ventures) and expectations are high.

"This is a very big deal for Bollywood films because it exposes us on a global level," says Bollywood



Sidhu (Akshay Kumar) expresses himself in dance in the action comedy *Chandni Chowk to China*.

superstar and *Chandni Chowk to China* lead actor, Akshay Kumar.

American and British cinema has incorporated elements and trappings of the Bollywood style for years (Danny Boyle's *Slumdog Millionaire* stands as a recent commercially and critically successful example) but *Chandni Chowk to China* is the real deal.

In it, Kumar stars as hapless Delhi veggie slicer Sidhu who, mistaken for the re-

incarnation of a legendary warrior, is whisked away to China to do battle with an evil crime boss named Hojo — played by Kung Fu movie icon Gordon Liu.

Not only is *CC2C* the biggest internationally exposed Indian film in history — with over 140 prints in North America alone — but its production also marks the first time any movie from any country has been allowed to film on the ancient Great Wall of China.

"Not only did we shoot on the wall," says Kumar, "but we were, kicking, jumping and throwing people around with cables and cranes. It was incredible and a great privilege."

In true Bollywood fashion, *Chandni Chowk to China* runs almost three hours long and is packed to the bursting point with slapstick comedy, maudlin drama, jaw dropping action, heart throbbing romance ... and of course, those outrageously colourful, slickly choreographed musical numbers that have endeared — and confused — so many filmgoers.

"In a Hollywood movie, emotions are shown subtly but in a Bollywood movie, when somebody feels love, we go on to a bridge and dance and yell 'I love her and she loves me so lets have a song.' We're loud that way."

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Season shaping up

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WHAT'S NEXT: The next few months in TV are starting to take vague shape with a few announcements from networks, including the return of Ray Romano to primetime in a "drame-dy" exploring the midlife crisis of a group of fortysomething buddies.

The show, titled *Men Of A Certain Age*, was greenlit for an initial 10 episodes by TNT according to a story in the *Hollywood Reporter*, and will also star Andre Braugher (star of *Gideon's Crossing*, a shortlived spin-off of *The Practice*) and Scott Bakula. Think *Bromance* with a lot of prostate jokes.

Fox will be bringing back *Til Death* with a full 22-episode order for next season, a surprise revival of the sitcom that will bring the show's total to more than 80 episodes —



Cancelling *Prison Break* at the end of the current season is hardly unexpected.

enough to bring it to syndication, according to a TVGuide.com story, though only seven of the current season's episodes aired when it disappeared from the air in October.

Which reminds us of the rule that the only thing about Fox you can trust is its unpredictability. Cancelling *Prison Break* at the end of the current season is hardly unexpected, however — the show long ago exhausted its premise, which was never more than miniseries-sized. "The

show is just played out," Fox entertainment president Kevin Reilly told the *Hollywood Reporter*. "Creatively everybody feels enough stories have been told ... we want to finish strong and not just gimpy-out next season."

Reilly did say that a few extra episodes could be shot to pad out the four remaining set to air. The network has a new animated comedy from *Arrested Development* creator Mitch Hurwitz, *Sit Down, Shut Up*, ready to take over *King Of The Hill*'s Sunday evening slot when that show leaves the air in April, and high hopes that they can make Friday night a testosterone-friendly one when they pair up Joss Whedon's troubled *Dollhouse* with *Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles*.

It might just work, if Reilly can convince Whedon's geeky fan base that going out of Friday night is for jocks, or break their TiVos if they insist on having a social life.

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	119	705	9 CBXT	Virginie (SC)	L'Épicerie	Le Match des étoiles (N) (SC)		Les Invincibles (N) (SC)		Le Téléjournal et Les Nou		
	-	-	10 SHAW	(6) Local Programming					Local Programming			
	-	372	12 KREM	News (N)	Hollywood	The Doctors (N)		Old Christine	Gary Unmarr	Criminal Minds (N)		
primetime	-	374	14 KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Jackie Gleason		Make 'em Laugh: The Funny Business of America (N)			Black Coffee	
	502	390	15 CBC	CBC News: The National		Lost at Sea (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		
	-	370	16 KHQ	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)		Wheel-Fortune		Knight Rider (HDTV)		
	-	373	22 KAYU	The Simpsons	Raymond	Two/Half Men		Two/Half Men		American Idol (HDTV) (N)		
	297	652	37 WPIX	90210 (HDTV)		PIX News at Ten Tong.		Two/Half Men		Friends	Sex and-City	
	500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)				Larry King Live		
	508	502	31 CNN2	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Nancy Grace		Showbiz Tonight		Lou Dobbs Tonight		
	400	400	21 TSN	NHL Hockey		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		Off the Record		Heads-Up Poker Champ.		
	408	418	27 net	CHL Hockey 2009 Home Hardware CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game. From Oshawa, Ont.						Sportsnet Connected		
	410	403	30 SCORE	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio Spurs. (Live)				Score Tonight		Hardcore Hockey Talk		
sports	411	457	44 OLN	Mantracker		Bounty Hunter		Dakar Rally		Survivorman		
	417	406	48 SPEED	(5) Barrett-Jackson Automobile Auction Wednesday action from Scottsdale, Ariz.						Mantracker		
										Barrett-Jackson Automobile Auction (HDTV)		
family	552	543	20 YTM	Drake & Josh	iCarly	Scorpion		Prank Patrol		Malcolm-Mid.		
	557	541	39 FAV	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Wizards-Place		That's-Raven		Zack & Cody		
	555	545	67 TOON	Ben 10	Johnny Test	Totally Spies		Total Drama		6teen		
	575	583	11 CMT	Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith		Hope & Faith		Totally		
	553	546	17 TRE	Little Bear	Miss Spider	Comfy Couch		Rolie Polie Olie		Max & Ruby		
	-	-	18 CHTV	The Insider (N)	E! News	Knight Rider (HDTV) (N)				True Hollywood Story (N)		
	505	398	19 TWN	(5) EarthWatch One		EarthWatch One		EarthWatch Two				
	602	568	23 W	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Will & Grace		Friends		Grocery Bag		
	521	560	24 TLC	Solved (HDTV)		Personal Justice (N)		Extreme Forensics		Solved (HDTV)		
	603	561	25 FOOD	Iron Chef America		Top Chef Farm dinner.		Restaurant Makeover		Challenge		
cable variety	615	520	26 A&E	Dog the Bounty Hunter		Parking Wars		Parking Wars		Parking Wars		
	617	522	32 SHOW	Wife Swap		The Outer Limits		About a Girl		About a Girl		
	601	562	33 SLICE	Real Housewives of OC		Filthy Rich: Cattle Drive		ET Canada		Matchmaker		
	-	633	34 ENC2	(6:55) Mask *** (1985, Biography)		Eric Stoltz, Cher.		Lorenzo's Oil *** (1992, Docudrama)		Nick Nolte.		
	520	505	35 DISC	Deadliest Catch		Mayday		Daily Planet		MythBusters		
	620	523	36 BRAVO	Wingfield		Wingfield		Stones and the Ocean		Law & Order		
	294	650	40 WPCB	(6) A Simple Plan (1998, Suspense)				Seinfeld		Family Guy		
	626	547	41 COM	Laughs		Comedy Now		Air Farce		Just for Laughs		
	-	539	42 TCM	(6) The Apartment		(8:15) Some Like It Hot **** (1959, Comedy)		Tony Curtis.				
	628	584	43 SPIKE	UFC Unleashed (N)		UFC Primetime		UFC Primetime		UFC Unleashed		
cable variety	522	516	45 HIST	The Real Da Vinci Code		NCIS		Cities of the Underworld		The Real Da Vinci Code		
	627	528	46 SPACE	The Dresden Files		Rabbit Fall		Rabbit Fall		Stargate SG-1		
	-	-	47 AMC	(6) Wild Bill ★ (1995)		Posse *** (1993, Western)		Mario Van Peebles, Stephen Baldwin.				
	619	525	49 TROP	What Happen?		What Happen?		Reality		Ad Persuasion		
	600	564	50 HGTV	Property Virgin		Unsellable		Hid Potential		Really Big Flip		
	501	391	52 CTV	CTV Newsnet		News		CTV Newsnet		News		
	504	508	70 BNN	Squeeze Play		Market Call		Headline		Market Call		
	526	507	92 VIVA	The West Wing		Mediums		Psychic Detect		Mediums		
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	-	-	94 MCP	(6:30) News		News		Matchmaker		Mom's-Upset		
cable variety	571	581	100 MMM	Back In		Back In		All-Time Top 10		Party of Five		
	570	580	101 MM	So You Think You Can Dance		disBand		disBand		PunchMunch		
	581	566	102 MTV	The Real World		The Real World		MTV Live		After		

critics' corner

Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag
Authentic, schmauthentic. Foreign cuisine evolves when it crosses oceans and borders; chop suey, for example, is a North American invention unheard of in China. Nevertheless, some foodies are into staying as true to the cuisine's roots as possible. To that end, this new episode finds Anna and Kristina on their way to Tuscany to find out whether the Italian cookbook they're reviewing is full of truly Italian recipes. 9 PM on W



Hockeyville 2009
This series is a pageant of sorts, with communities as the contestants. Cities and towns from around Canada put their hometown pride and their love of hockey on display in hopes of being chosen the most worthy of the name Hockeyville. The winner gets a makeover for its local arena and plays host to an NHL exhibition game. In the premiere, the hosts are introduced, the top 20 contenders are chosen, and celebrities share their hockey memories. 8 PM on CBRT



Carrie Wilson can get the personalized pillow ready — she's already picked her new baby's name, five months ahead of the impending delivery. "It's Luciana — but we'll call her Lucy," the singer tells The Bonnie Hunt Show. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Rourke may have taken steroids, website alleges

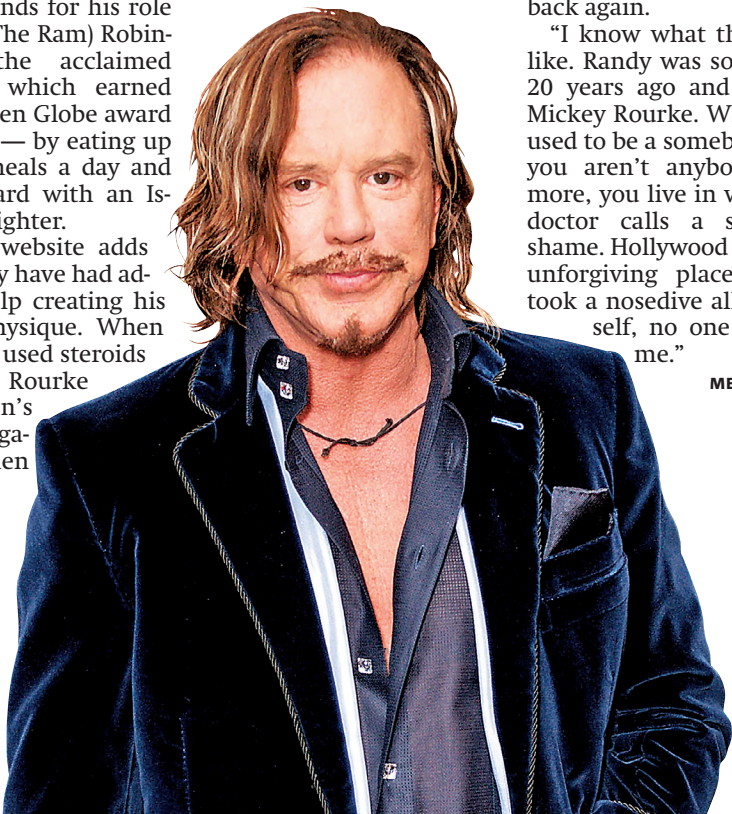
CAREER Femalefirst.co.uk is alleging that Mickey Rourke may have taken steroids for his role in *The Wrestler*, quoting a magazine article as proof.

The website alleges the actor has revealed he piled on the pounds for his role as Randy (The Ram) Robinson in the acclaimed movie — which earned him a Golden Globe award on Sunday — by eating up to seven meals a day and training hard with an Israeli cage fighter.

But the website adds Rourke may have had additional help creating his hulking physique. When asked if he used steroids to bulk up, Rourke told *Men's Journal* magazine: "When

I'm a wrestler, I behave like a wrestler," the website alleges as proof.

The twice-divorced actor recently admitted he could empathize with his character's struggles because of his own turbulent life.



Rourke — who spent 15 years in the Hollywood wilderness — said: "Randy has been in the twilight of his career for several years. He thinks he has one more game in him — one more shot. He wants to come back again."

"I know what that feels like. Randy was somebody 20 years ago and so was Mickey Rourke. When you used to be a somebody and you aren't anybody anymore, you live in what my doctor calls a state of shame. Hollywood is a very unforgiving place, but I took a nosedive all by myself, no one pushed me."

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Divorce gets ugly for Rutherford

DISPUTE The divorce action between Gossip Girl star Kelly Rutherford and her estranged husband has turned ugly, with the actress seeking to bar him from leaving the United States with their two-year-old son for fear they'll disappear, *people.com* reports.

The website says estranged husband David Giersch countered in L.A. Superior Court with papers alleging the ac-

tress, who's four months pregnant with their second child, has a bad temper, once throwing a laptop at him and another time trying to sock him with her fist.

Rutherford, 40, filed for divorce from Giersch, an entrepreneur, last

month after being married a little over two years, seeking sole physical custody with monitored visitation. On the same day, Giersch filed for legal separation, seeking sole legal and physical custody with visitation for her, *people.com* says.

In emergency papers filed Friday, Rutherford sought to bar Giersch, 34, from travelling outside the United States with their son Hermès.

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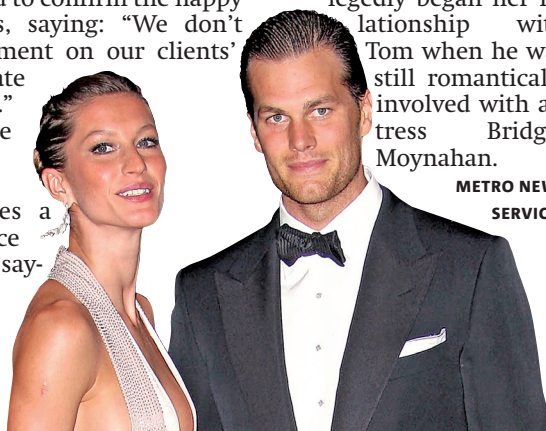
Gisele, Brady engaged?

RELATIONSHIP Gisele Bündchen and Tom Brady are engaged, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The Brazilian model and American football star are set to wed after Brady got down on one knee and proposed with a diamond solitaire ring in Los Angeles on Friday, the website says.

Gisele's agent has refused to confirm the happy news, saying: "We don't comment on our clients' private lives."

The website quotes a source as saying:



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"He asked and she accepted. The couple are discussing a huge fashionista event in the spring or a more intimate and quicker ceremony in Costa Rica, where Gisele has a home."

Gisele — who has previously dated Revolutionary Road actor Leonardo DiCaprio and professional surfer Kelly Slater — allegedly began her relationship with Tom when he was still romantically involved with actress Bridget Moynahan.

Renée too busy for men

PEOPLE Renée Zellweger is too busy to have a boyfriend, *femalefirst.com* is reporting.

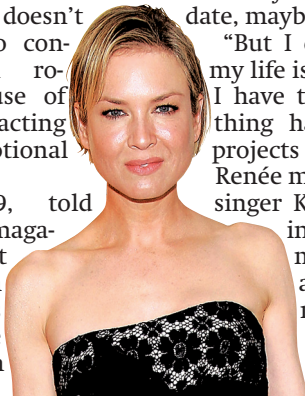
The actress doesn't have time to concentrate on romance because of her hectic acting and promotional schedule.

Renée, 39, told *Marie Claire* magazine: "I'm not single, I'm busy. That's my line. The thing is, I'm

away all the time. I suppose if I sat still long enough to get to know somebody beyond a dinner date, maybe."

"But I don't feel like my life is empty or that I have to make something happen. I have projects to develop." Renée married country singer Kenny Chesney in 2005, but the marriage was annulled four months later.

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Time to focus on family?

FAMILY With her Broadway run of *All My Sons* over, it's time for Katie Holmes to get back to enlarging her family — at least according to husband Tom Cruise.

Now magazine

claims that Cruise has ordered Holmes to put on weight and get pregnant. "Tom believes Katie needs to focus on their family again," a source tells the British magazine.

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Perry laments on heartache

PEOPLE Katy Perry let all her emotions hang out during an acoustic set at L.A.'s Hotel Cafe Monday night, *people.com* reports.

"It hurts right now," Perry quotes the singer as saying about her recent split with boyfriend Travis McCoy.

"When you breakup with someone you move on," she said. "You don't really want to move on ... but you have to because they don't give you any choice," she added before declaring, "But I'm over it!"

Despite battling a bad case of the flu, Perry promised the crowd that she'd be healthy again for her tour starting Jan. 23, adds *people.com*.

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Cyrus wants to wed DiCaprio

PEOPLE Though she may be famously dating underwear model Justin Gaston — and is only 16 — teen superstar Miley Cyrus has her sights set on a new man.

According to Britain's *Daily Star*, while talking about going to the Golden Globes, Cyrus said, "I saw my husband, Leonardo DiCaprio. I didn't meet him. He doesn't know I'm his wife, but I will be one day."

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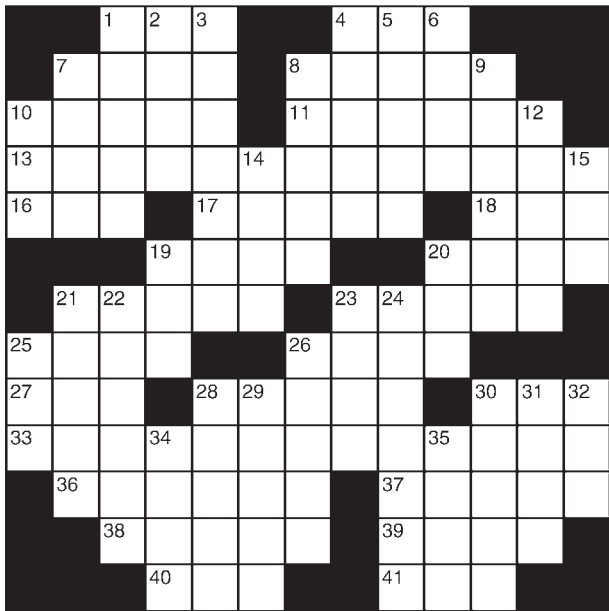
Thursday
 Sunny
 3 °C / -9 °C

Friday
 Partly cloudy
 6 °C / -3 °C



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Take Five



Crossword across

- 1 Ventilate
4 Be a couch potato
7 Peru's capital
8 Partook at a banquet
10 Man of morals?
11 Invest officially
13 Not mincing words
16 — out a living
17 Find
18 Water barrier
19 Cohort
20 Actress Sorvino
21 Diarist Samuel
23 Some silverware
25 Go limp
26 Strictly entre —
- 27 Blackbird
28 Off the perpendicular
30 Upper limit
33 Childhood game played in a circle
36 Buccaneer
37 Not as plentiful
38 Eldrick Woods
39 Sicilian spouter
40 Witness
41 Kid's query

Crossword down

- 1 Supermarket section
2 “No harm done”
3 Apace
4 Esthetic taste
5 Finish
6 Paraphernalia
7 Plumbing problem
8 Pooch
9 Small antelope
10 Noshed
12 Approaches
14 Rock guitarist Lofgren
15 Singer Sumac
19 Likely
20 “— Doubtfire”
21 Centerfold, maybe
22 Draw forth
- 23 Traditional music style
24 Got too big for
25 Bankroll
26 More pleasant
28 Old saw
29 Private student
30 Hackneyed
31 Cruising
32 Apiece
34 Singer-actor Kristoffer-son
35 Swearword

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



1	6	5	3	8	4	9	2	7
8	3	2	7	9	6	4	5	1
4	7	9	5	2	1	6	3	8
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3	4	7	6	5	9	1	8	2
6	2	1	4	3	8	5	7	9
7	8	6	9	4	3	2	1	5
2	1	3	8	6	5	7	9	4
9	5	4	2	1	7	8	6	3

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart
Under 13 min	Genius	
13-17 min	Scholar	
	21-25 min	Not bad
	25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Salmon pizza with yogurt and dill

INGREDIENTS:

2 small skinless salmon fillets, about 3/4 lb (375 g) in total
 2 large tomatoes
 1 small mild white or red onion
 2 thin 10-in. (25-cm) unbaked pizza crusts
 Salt and black pepper
 8 sprigs of fresh dill
 6 oz (170 g) Greek yogourt
 To serve: 4 tbsp (60 ml) mango chutney, optional

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C). Remove bones from salmon fillets, then dice flesh.

2. Rinse, dry and finely chop tomatoes; peel and finely chop onion. Place pizza crusts on baking trays; spread tomatoes and onion over each. Arrange salmon on top and add

salt and pepper to taste.

3. Bake for 15–20 minutes, or until lightly browned, swapping trays around half way through.

4. Rinse and dry dill. Set aside a few sprigs for a garnish, finely chop remainder, and mix into yogourt, with some pepper.

5. Remove pizzas from oven, spoon some yogourt over each and garnish with reserved dill.

6. Cut each salmon pizza into quarters and serve two portions per person, accompanied by mango chutney, if using.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	1		9			8	3	
8				4		6		7
9				6				
	4	2			5		6	
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	7		3			2	5	
								8
7		9		1				3
	5	3			8		2	

Horoscopes

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
 You'll increase your confidence level. You'll smile through an ecstatic meeting. A playmate appeals to you for understanding.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
 A friend's clowning around should be encouraged. A seedy guy needs a helping hand. Lively people will have you pleading for rest.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
 Move to a calmer and healthier place. Your ability to listen is enhanced. Don't get caught looking for a brilliant romance.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
 A rewarding message arrives in the afternoon. Honesty is the key in a compromise. A liar wins a game by telling the truth.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
 Someone's modest secrets are about to be revealed. Scandal-talk will cause a dispute. Fearlessly adapting to new conditions takes time.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
 A lucky break cheers you up. Better info comes from an endearing woman. Someone will pester you with a cunning plan.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
 A cheeky cheerleader gets a payback. Displeasure forces a decision to be made. Unfaithfulness causes difficulties in a love life.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
 A protector has told a lie. A trail of evidence leads to a revelation. An ethical person will give you peace of mind.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
 A door opens to a blast from the past. A passionate message is too tiring to deal with. Make an effort to avoid painful ailments.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
 Someone will take the flack for you. A friend is on the verge of asking for help. Somebody will show you the way to make progress.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
 Your favourite visitor is arranging a flight. A new supporter bites off more than he can chew. Someone gives you the upper hand in a deal.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
 You can start to set realistic goals. A humble person is a good organizer. Be kinder to an absentminded individual.

This day in history

JAN. 14, 1501: Martin Luther, age 17, enters the University of Erfurt.
 JAN. 14, 1943: World War II: Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill begin the Casablanca Conference to discuss strategy and study the next phase of the war.
 JAN. 14, 1999: Toronto, Ont., Mayor Mel Lastman to be the first mayor in Canada to call in the Army for shovelling perhaps the highest recorded amount of snow in Toronto History.
 CORRECTION: Japan apologized for forcing Korean women into sexual slavery during World War II in 1992. The wrong year appeared in yesterday's This Day In History.

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